

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

STENT WITH SMOOTH ENDS

A stent having at least one smooth end is disclosed. The stent may  
5 include a coating or coatings on one or both end portions to provide a smooth finish to  
reduce possible damage to body passages when the stent is deployed and delivered.  
The stent may also contain drugs or surgical adhesives or a combination thereof in or  
on the coated portion of the stent. The stent may also be of the type where the  
materials of the stent may be treated to have a smooth flexible end or ends. The stent  
10 may also be of a configuration such that at least one end is more flexible than the  
middle portion of the stent.